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## The Organized System that Holds Labor Down.

## IN THE SOUTHEAST.

### What the People are Doing in Other Counties that are Near.

Ten years ago the Kicker advocated public ownership and was labeled at by the smart men. The Poplar Bluff Citizen says: "The campaign for the municipal light plant for Poplar Bluff is taking on momentum every day, and it now seems that the proposition will carry by a large vote. Daily the earnest support and energies of good citizens from every walk of life, who are interested in the welfare of the city are enlisted in the campaign activities. In considering the proposition to build a municipal lighting plant, the Poplar Bluff citizens should remember that these city plants not only are self-sustaining, when properly conducted but become great money makers for the people. With proper management they can earn for a municipality the same as for a private corporation. Sure! And they can do the same by owning the factories, mines, railroads, banks, etc. The bone-heads will get to see this after a while."

Campbell Citizen.—G. B. Cook of Fredericktown, Dept. State Food and Drug Commissioner was in Campbell Tuesday, and stirred some of our business people into a nation to heretofore keep things in better sanitary condition. The gentleman was in town but a short while until you could see many scurrying about the back way with boxes full of rubbish, decayed matter and had canned goods being consumed to the flames. Our restaurants were the greatest offenders and some of them were given a mighty short time to remove the filth from the kitchens and backways, or being closed up as disease breeding depots.

Dunklin Democrat.—Hon. Charles Crow had two men cutting down a tree. There was a hollow place near the butt then it was solid an other further up was a long hollow. When they sawed through it, one man wondered what was in it. He struck a match to look in, when there was an explosion and they both got their eye brows burned off. The tree shook for several seconds. The men lit out thinking that the end of the world was coming ahead of the time scheduled by the Holy Rulers. It is not known what caused this.

Cape Republican.—Some little mystery attaches to the sudden leaving of Albert Sheppard, deputy sheriff, who became the afternoon Express passenger for St. Louis Friday.

Will there be another overflow this spring? That is what is bothering the farmers in the best lands south of us.

Postmaster Henry Dink and Miss Adelaide Russell of Jackson were married last week.

Just now congress is busy manufacturing dopes for the full campaign. All kinds of "Labor measures" are being introduced and will be pending, and the labor leaders will be asked to return the congressmen and they can finish up the job. Among others, the congressmen from the East St. Louis district has introduced a bill to prevent the transporting of strike-breakers by railroads. This name has been played ever since I can remember—and works fine.

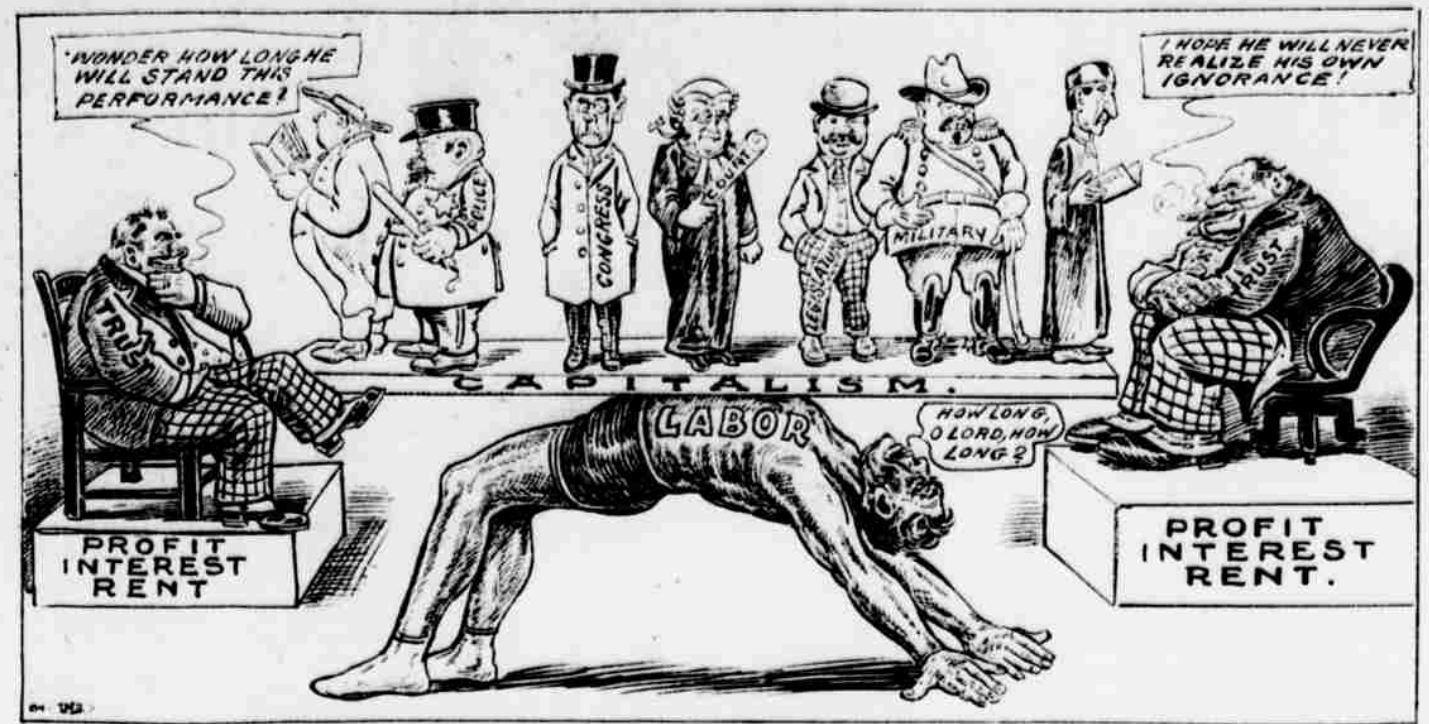
AA FEW HOT SHOTS From the Appeal to Reason. "That congress declared a government monopoly over all telegraph, telephone and communication and such other means of transmissions of intelligence, as any hereafter develop. That sounds pretty radical. Yet it is from the report of the postmaster general. Now suppose congress declare a government monopoly of money and banking; the way will speedily be opened for acquiring the other things mentioned. And then come."

The tax commissioner of Cleveland, Ohio, recently demanded that John D. Rockefeller pay \$2,663,000 taxes on his estimated \$900,000,000 worth of property, claiming that under the new tax law Rockefeller's residence in Cleveland. However the Rockefeller attorneys laughed at the commission and at last account the tax still remained unpaid.

According to a Washington dispatch Senator Bristow of Kansas voted with the rest of the reactionaries to report an amendment to the postal appropriation bill putting the breaks on the parcel post and erasing any further extension of its usefulness to the people. The "widows and orphans" who own the bonds and stock of the express companies must be protected, you know.

If you are a checker player you know that there is such a thing as getting your "men" in such a position that no matter which way you move you lose. This is the position capitalism is in today—every move capitalism makes, it loses and Socialism wins.

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If He Could Get Out From Under the Load he would be Free.

—Cartoon from St. Louis Labor.

## Which Would You Rather be

A JOBLESS MAN OR A JOBLESS DOG.

Sacramento, Calif., March 19.—Hungry and bruised, 1,000 members of the unemployed armies, who have held Sacramento in terror for the past 48 hours, were driven from the city by 500 armed deputy sheriffs tonight. Shivering with cold from the drenching given them by the city fire department, and swearing vengeance on Sacramento because of the forcible eviction, the armies are now encamped in Yolo county between this city and Berkeley. Several hundred armed deputies are preventing either the retreat or advance of the men.

The unemployed were driven off the Southern Pacific right of way by officials armed by pick-handles and clubs. They at first refused to go, but several streams of water played upon them by firemen started a mad retreat.

In fleeing through Second street, the unemployed attacked street cars, hurled rocks and sticks through shop windows and forcing pass-engers to take refuge on the car floors.

At every cross street the armies, which had become a leaderless mob, threw up barricades and battled with the police and deputy sheriffs until dislodged by the firemen. Stores and saloons were wrecked and traffic stopped until the rioters were herded over the M. street bridge into Yolo county.

Appeals to Gov. Johnson to call out the militia were unsuccessful; the governor placing everything in the hands of the Adj. Gen. Forbes, who directed the battle.

With nineteen of the armies' officers, including "General" Kelley in jail charged with vagrancy, many of its members in the hospital and jails with broken heads and the remnant encamped on the plains overlooking the city, the march to Washington has been abandoned. It was declared.

THIS WAS DIFFERENT. Gosh! But the daily papers have been doing some tall pounding during the past week. Whole pages have been used up daily in telling about the loss of some 40 or 50 lives in the burning of the M. A. C. building, St. Louis.

And how the poor officials did catch it for permitting such a fire-trap to stand in violation of law. The fire-trap owners also got their share of criticism. The law is quoted and its violations are pointed out in plenty. Even cartoons appear representing the light being turned on negligent officials and fire-trap owners.

Wonderful how the great newspapers yell for law-enforcement—some times.

Almost any day in these same papers, you can read of nine explosions caused by exactly the same kind of neglect or worse. Often hundreds of men are trapped and their lives snuffed out by an explosion.

But you don't see any great scare headline on the front page, nor any effort to place the blame where it belongs. In such cases it is charged up to God—and let go at that. A few lines on an inside page tells the story.

And you wonder why this difference? Well, it is this way. The M. A. C. was a fashionable resort where only the best people stopped. The victims were of the better class.

In mine disasters only working men are killed. And who cares about them? It some times happens that along with the men a lot of mules are killed. In that case the affair becomes of more interest and more space is given to it.

SUPERIOR MAN. Champaign, Ill., March 11.—One hundred and two women voted in the Seventh Ward primary in this city and each marked her ballot correctly. Nineteen out of 120 men marked their ballots incorrectly and the ballots were thrown out. This is believed to be due to the interest taken by women organizers in educating other women in the use of the ballot.

A REAL DOPE SHEET. The Sunday Visitor takes the ribbon. Its dope surpasses the stuff put out by the professional press bureaus that furnish editorials for the rural press. The issue of March 8 quotes Archbishop Messmer as saying: "The Catholic church of America, including the clergy as well as the laity, is entirely averse to having itself considered as affiliated or allied with any particular political party."

I imagine I can hear old John D. Rockefeller saying: Standard Oil in America, including its officers and employees, is entire averse to having itself considered as affiliated or allied with any particular political party.

On the witness stand, some years ago, Rockefeller said that in Republican states they contributed to the Republican campaign fund; in Democratic states they contributed to the Democratic fund.

The visitor quotes the Archbishop further: "In fact, it is the universal Catholic sentiment that the Church, AS SUCH, never will take part in what is purely politics."

Again I hear the voice of Rockefeller saying: "In fact, it is the universal Standard Oil sentiment that the company, AS SUCH, never will take part in what is purely politics."

But, then, Standard Oil and "the church" get there just the same—even if they don't do it AS SUCH. And by "the church" I do not want to be understood as including the membership, whose only function is to obey and foot the bills. I mean the priesthood.

If you want to get an idea of what the priesthood in politics means, go over to New Hamburg on the first Tuesday in April and watch the priest elect the directors of their so-called public school. And he need not even show up—although he usually does and writes the names of his choice on the black-board. We go unto the man who dares oppose the will of the priest.

Which again reminds me of an incident which happened in connection with the election of church trustees at Kelso, several years ago. Being urged by the priest to go and vote, a parishioner who was beginning to think, asked: "Father, you have to do as the bishop says?"

Yes. And the trustees have to do as you say? "Yes." "Then what is the use to vote?"

IN "FREE" AMERICA. Denver, Colo., March 13.—"Mother" Jones will be freed from military custody only on condition that she leave the strike district. This is a question for the State of Colorado, not the nation to decide. This was Governor Ammons' dictum over the long distance telephone from Georgetown, Colo., when informed of probable action by the United States Attorney General in the matter.

What has Mother Jones done to justify her being in a military prison? The miners call her "mother" because this aged woman always comes to them when they are in trouble. She is 82 years old. In her younger days she taught school.

A few months ago she went to the strike district in Colorado. She was not allowed to set foot on the soil, but was immediately forced back into the railroad coach and deported by the Cosacks that rule Colorado.

She had done no wrong nor uttered a word. She felt that she had a right to be in Colorado with "her boys," as she calls the miners, and returned. As soon as she appeared she was arrested and locked up.

Can anything in Russia beat it for despotism? And now the tool of the mine-owners who holds the job of governor, threatens to defy the powers of the national government to release her? Free country? Why, of course. Anybody can say that.

HOW ABOUT YOU? Denver, Colo., March 13.—Carl Bretcher, 36, a member of a prominent Chicago family and once the owner of millions, died in poverty from starvation and exposure to the cold in a dilapidated house here today.

Here is only another evidence of what the Kicker has been telling you—that no matter how well you may be fixed today, your end may be in the poor house. The capitalist system is no respecter of persons.

This man Bretcher was a partner of the late Marshall Field of Chicago and lost his millions during the panic of 1903. While he had plenty he regarded the passing throng of unemployed just as the well-to-do now regard them—shiftless and lazy. But when he got down he couldn't get up and died a pauper.

Watch the scramble for office this year among those who tell the unfortunate that it is their own fault. So long as they have the public treasury at their back they cut pretty regularly. But turn them out to make a living as the great majority of us must, and you would see Wilson budgets on the seat of their pants as big as pineapples.

ASLEEP WALKS ON ICE. Durham, March 13.—Miss Jessie Crompton, a beautiful young school teacher residing in Cedar Grove Township, Orange County, arose from her sleep a few nights ago, barefooted and in her night attire walked half a mile in the snow to an ice pond, sat on the ice for perhaps six hours and is today none the worse off for the terrible experience. Her physical reports, however, that she is getting along very well. Her condition at first was critical.

That the young lady lived to reveal the circumstances of the strange occurrence and of her nightly tramp in her sleep is miraculous. She was not able to tell about it. She never will she knows there was a very unusual feeling when she regained consciousness following her rescue by her parents. She has been in bed since.

Miss Crompton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Crompton and the first intimation that something wrong was received when the mother went to her daughters room to arouse her on Saturday morning. She was gone and her clothing in the room. A search was begun and half a mile away she was found seated on the ice of John T. Hughes' pond. She was carried to the house and physicians summoned at once.

MUST STAND THE TEST. Springfield, Ill., March 11.—Dr. Russell Cornwell, minister of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, declared today at the Winona Bible Conference at the Statehouse that many college graduates are educated fools and incompetent to lead others in the interpretation of the Bible.

"I believe in higher education," declared the speaker, but it sometimes robs a person of his higher instincts that he is unfit to serve either God or man. The man who thinks he knows it all is an ignoramus for sure, and a good many of our college graduates are guilty of a liberal quantity of self-esteem."

Dr. Cornwell referred to the Bible as the "spiritual railway guide" in speaking of the two-fold development of man he said: "A person who has his brain developed at the expense of his heart is as dangerous as dynamite."

In response to a question from the audience Dr. G. Campbell Morgan of London said: "Unless the Bible can withstand the tests of science it will be destroyed utterly, and ought to be destroyed."

Investigation has shown that the actual cost of living in New York city is at least \$1,150 per year for a family of five. The average income of the workers is less than half that amount. Yet they tell you the capitalist system, in exploiting the worker, does not drive men to crime.

In an adv. a Pemiscot county bank announces that "banking is the back-bone of finance." Judging from the way this backbone is so often broken, it needs fixing.

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